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### TOPEKA, KANSAS, MAN SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS ON DRUG CHARGES

TOPEKA, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Kenneth D. Porter, 37, Topeka, Kansas, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Julie A. Robinson to ten years and seven months in federal prison, without parole, to be followed by three years of supervised release.**

Melgren said that Porter entered a guilty plea on May 5, 2003, to one count of possession with the intent to distribute cocaine.

Melgren stated that on October 15, 2001, officers with the Topeka Police Department executed a search warrant at a residence where Porter was staying in Topeka, Kansas. Officers found Porter sitting on a couch in the basement with a scale and a box of plastic baggies in front of him. Officers search the couch and found ten plastic baggies containing a total of approximately 124.56 grams (approximately 4.39 ounces) of cocaine. Porter admitted that he intended to distribute the cocaine.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the Topeka Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney James Brown in this prosecution.